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2010 WELLHEAD PROTECTION GRANT

Applications must be postmarked by April 30, 2010.

Community and non-profit non-community public water systems (PWS) may apply for grants for planning or implementing projects that protect their groundwater source. Grants will be awarded up to \$5,000 with a few grants available up to \$10,000, depending on the scope of the project. Only those projects that demonstrate a significant commitment to ongoing source water protection will be considered for a higher grant award amount of up to \$10,000.

Contact Erika Bonenfant at (207) 287-5681 or e-mail erika.bonenfant@maine.gov with questions or comments.

What types of projects are eligible? Projects must clearly aim to decrease the likelihood of contamination of the water source. The grant may be used to purchase capital items associated with wellhead protection. However, equipment or materials purchased must remain the property of the water system or other public entity. Examples of eligible projects may include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Assisting in the replacement of oil storage tanks in the source protection area;
- ◆ Subsidizing the removal of septic systems from the source protection area;
- ◆ Establishing or enabling a source monitoring program;
- ◆ Removing hazardous chemicals from the source protection area;
- ◆ Developing or implementing drinking water education programs;
- ◆ Establishing local protective ordinances or legal agreements in the source protection area;
- ◆ Preparing or updating a Wellhead Protection Management Plan; or
- ◆ Implementing stormwater best management practices in the source protection area.

Which water systems are eligible? All community and non-profit non-community public water systems that use a groundwater source are eligible for grant awards. Examples include water utilities, mobile home parks, apartment buildings, nursing homes, and schools.

How much money will be awarded? The DWP has set aside \$75,000 for the 2010 grant program. Individual grants will be awarded up to \$5,000 with a few grants available up to \$10,000. Grants up to \$10,000 will only be awarded for projects that demonstrate a commitment to ongoing source water protection, such as developing or implementing an existing Wellhead Protection Management Plan, establishing source water protection ordinances or zonings within a wellhead protection area, etc.

What types of projects are not eligible? Grants will not be awarded for projects which involve the maintenance of water system infrastructure or roads in the wellhead protection area, installation or maintenance of treatment facilities, purchasing land or conservation easements, or costs part of normal system operation. Also, the water system may not be reimbursed for equipment use or water system employee labor costs, even if the work is in support of an eligible wellhead protection project. Grants will not be awarded

retroactively for completed projects. Water systems may not use Wellhead Protection Grants to correct compliance issues or deficiencies identified in a sanitary survey.

Land purchase and conservation easement funding is available through the Drinking Water Program's Land Acquisition Loan program.

What is the deadline for applications? Applications must be postmarked no later than **April 30, 2010**.

How will the DWP determine which proposals will be awarded grants? Three reviewers will score eligible projects on five categories. Projects are ranked by total points and grants are awarded beginning with the highest scoring project until all funds are assigned. Eligible projects that cannot be funded may be resubmitted in future years.

What are the scoring criteria?

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| 0 – 5 points | Demonstrated need for the project. <i>How will the project help protect your groundwater source?</i> |
| 0 – 2 points | Previous wellhead protection work. <i>Has your system demonstrated a commitment to source water protection by dedicating time or financial resources to source protection? What other projects have you completed that evaluate or manage threats to your groundwater supply?</i> |
| 0 – 5 points | Community involvement. <i>Protecting drinking water sources is a community effort. Explain how local partners will work with you to enhance efforts to protect your groundwater source. Will this project benefit another public or private drinking water source? Projects demonstrating value from other sources, financial or in-kind, will receive a higher score.</i> |
| 0 – 3 points | Describe how the project will address an identified risk. <i>Will the project reduce the risk of contamination identified by a Wellhead Protection Plan, Source Water Assessment Report, or another priority system?</i> |
| 0 or 1 point | Implementation of a Wellhead Protection Plan. <i>Projects which will implement recommendations from an existing Wellhead or Source Water Protection Plan will receive one point.</i> |
| 0 or 1 point | Cost Sharing. <i>Systems which contribute money up front to fund a portion of the project costs will receive one point. For example, systems that contribute \$100 toward the replacement of each home heating oil tank within their wellhead protection zone will receive this point.</i> |
| 0 or 1 point | Previous grant awards. <i>Systems which have never received a Wellhead Protection Grant will receive one point.</i> |

Total possible points: 18

When will the grant awards be announced? Grant recipients will be announced by June 1, 2010.

If I am awarded a grant, how do I get reimbursed? First, complete your project. Then, by **June 1, 2011**, submit a reimbursement request containing:

1. Documentation that the project was completed. This could be a copy of an ordinance or WHP plan, pictures of the site, or copies of educational materials;

2. Copies of **paid** invoices for reimbursable costs up to the award amount; and
3. Copies of at least three written quotes for any materials or services.

Can I get a project extension?

A water system may apply for one project extension for up to two years using the Wellhead Protection Grant Project Extension Form, available on the Drinking Water Program website or by calling 287-5681. If a project is not completed by the date approved in the grant or extension, the water system forfeits the grant award and must re-apply for project funding. ***Additionally, a water system may request an extension upfront, if the project will be longer than 1 year to complete. Please indicate this on your application.***

How can I get more information? Contact Erika Bonenfant at (207) 287-5681 or e-mail erika.bonenfant@maine.gov.

2010 WELLHEAD PROTECTION GRANT APPLICATION

Please complete this form and return to the DWP no later than April 30, 2010. The application scoring criteria can help you design your project to maximize the likelihood of approval. Contact Erika Bonenfant at (207) 287-5681 or e-mail erika.bonenfant@maine.gov with questions.

PWS NAME: _____ PWSID#: _____

CONTACT: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TOWN/CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

1. **Provide a brief description of the project; include estimated costs and implementation schedule.**

2. **Demonstrated need for the project.** *How will the project help protect your groundwater source?*

3. **Previous wellhead protection work.** *Has your system demonstrated a commitment to source water protection by dedicating time or financial resources to source protection? What other projects have you completed that evaluate or manage threats to your groundwater supply?*

4. **Community involvement.** *Protecting drinking water sources is a community effort. Explain how local partners will work with you to enhance efforts to protect your groundwater source. Will this project benefit another public or private drinking water source? Projects demonstrating value from other sources, financial or in-kind, will receive a higher score.*
5. **Describe how the project will address an identified risk.** *Will the project reduce the risk of contamination identified by a Wellhead Protection Plan, Source Water Assessment Report, or priority?*
6. **Describe how the project will implement recommendations from an existing Wellhead or Source Water Protection Plan.** *Projects which will implement recommendations from an existing Wellhead or Source Water Protection Plan will receive one point.*
7. **Describe any Cost Sharing.** *Systems which contribute money up front to fund a portion of the project costs will receive one point.*

8. **Previous grant awards.** *Systems which have never received a Wellhead Protection Grant will receive one point.*

Additional information supporting your application is welcome but not required.

Signature: _____ **Title:** _____

Print Name: _____ **Date:** _____

*******RETURN TO THE DRINKING WATER PROGRAM BY APRIL 30, 2010.*******

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